AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):

$$A_{1-x}A'_xB_{1-(y+z)}B'_yN_zO_3 \qquad (1)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals; A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements; B represents at least one element selected from Ti, Zr, and Hf; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, Zr, Hf, Rh, and Pt) and Al; N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \leq x \leq 0.4$; y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \leq y < 0.5$; z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$; and X represents 0 when N represents Pt alone.

2. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (1).

3. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein A represents Ca when N represents Pt in the general formula (1).

4. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein x represents 0 in the general formula (1).

5. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr in the general formula (1).

6. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 5, wherein B represents Ti when N represents Rh in the general formula (1).

7. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein y represents 0 in the general formula (1).

8. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):

$$AB_{1-z}N_zO_3 \qquad (2)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba; B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr; N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; and z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$.

9. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (3):

$$AB_{1-z}Rh_zO_3 \qquad (3)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba; B represents Ti; and z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$.

10. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (4):

$$AB_{1-z}Pt_zO_3 \qquad (4)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba; B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr; and z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$.

11. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (5):

$$A_wA'_xB_{1-(y+z)}B'_yN_zO_{3+\delta} \qquad (5)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals; A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements; B represents at least one element selected from Ti, Zr, and Hf; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, Zr, Hf, Rh, and Pt) and Al; N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; $\underline{x}$~~b~~ represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \leq \underline{x}$~~b~~ ≤ 0.4; w represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $w > (1 - x)$; y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \leq y < 0.5$; z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$; δ represents an oxygen excess; and x represents 0 when N represents Pt alone.

12. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 11, wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (5).

13. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 12, wherein A represents Ca when N represents Pt in the general formula (5).

14. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 11, wherein x represents 0 in the general formula (5).

15. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 11, wherein B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr in the general formula (5).

16. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 15, wherein B represents Ti when N represents Rh in the general formula (5).

17. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 11, wherein y represents 0 in the general formula (5).

18. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (6):

$$A_vB_{1-z}N_zO_{3+\delta} \qquad (6)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba; B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr; N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; v represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $1 < v$; z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$; and δ represents an oxygen excess.

19. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (7):

$$A_vB_{1-z}Rh_zO_{3+\delta} \qquad (7)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba; B represents Ti; v represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $1 < v$; z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$; and δ represents an oxygen excess.

20. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (8):

$$A_vB_{1-z}Pt_zO_{3+\delta} \qquad (8)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba; B represents at least one element selected from Ti and Zr; v represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $1 < v$; z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \leq 0.5$; and δ represents an oxygen excess.